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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - DECEMBER 1991

Overall Rhode Island nonagricultural wage and salary jobs declined in the November-December period as a result of losses in the Goods Producing sector. The December job total of 435,400 represented a monthly reduction of 1,800 and an annual decrease of 13,200.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector was unchanged from the November figure of 329,700, but was down 5,600 compared to a year ago. Within this sector, the only monthly job gain (+300) occurred in Miscellaneous Services. In contrast, employment levels in Transportation & Public Utilities and Wholesale/Retail Trade fell by 200 and 100, respectively. Employment in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and overall Government showed no change from the prior month.

Employment in the Goods Producing sector totalled 105,700 in December, reflecting a decrease of 1,800 from the November level and 7,600 from the year ago figure. Contract Construction employment was estimated at 14,000 in December, showing a monthly downturn of 600 and an annual decline of 2,600. Factory employment fell by 1,200 over the month to 91,700, which was 5,000 below the December 1990 level. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a monthly job loss of 900, while employment in Nondurable Goods was off 300. A monthly job reduction of 500 was recorded in Jewelry-Silverware, followed by decreases in Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-300) and Textiles (-200). Smaller monthly declines of 100 each were posted in Instruments and Printing-Publishing. Job totals for the remaining fourteen factory segments - seven each in Durable and Nondurable Goods - were unchanged over the month.

The December workweek averaged 40.2 hours, unchanged from both the prior month and a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.70 per hour in December showing an increase of six cents from the November figure and one cent compared to a year ago.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.5 percent in December, a decline of 1.3 percentage points from the November estimate of 9.8 percent. The State's unadjusted rate also posted a monthly decrease - from an estimated 8.7 percent in November to 7.7 percent in December. Accordingly, the December jobless total dropped to 39,300, showing a reduction of 4,600 from the month earlier level. One year ago, the adjusted and unadjusted rates were placed at 7.1 and 6.5 percent, respectively, while the number of unemployed stood at 33,400.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate advanced by two-tenths of a percentage point to an estimated 7.1 percent in December. The U.S. unadjusted rate also increased over the month - from 6.6 percent in November to 6.8 percent in December. A year ago the unemployment rates for the nation stood at 6.1 percent (adjusted) and 5.9 percent (unadjusted).

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Employers, you pay for the Rhode Island Job Service whether you use it or not. Your support entitles you to use the Job Service to recruit job ready workers. Now, more than ever, we have many qualified and experienced workers available for full or part time jobs. To access the skills, knowledge and abilities of these workers, please place your order with the Rhode Island Job Bank at 277-3588, by FAX at 723-3149, or call one of our ten local Job Service offices in your area.

When placing your job orders, please be sure to include the following information:

EMPLOYER NAME -	
ADDRESS -	Include Zip Code.
CONTACT PERSON -	Name of individual to call about referral.
TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) -	
JOB TITLE -	
JOB DUTIES -	Describe major tasks - purpose - method - material used - tools or mechanics used. Include any unusual lifting or physical requirements - working conditions or other significant factors.
NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS AND NUMBER OF REFERRALS DESIRED -	
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED -	Months or Trainee
EDUCATION REQUIRED -	Years or Read and Write (only if essential)
HOURS -	Per day - week - shift (permanent or short term opening)
PAY RATE AND UNIT -	Hour - day - week - month - year - other
BENEFITS -	Hospital - insurance - vacation - holidays - pension - incentives
DIRECTIONS TO EMPLOYER -	If necessary

We look forward to assisting you in finding the best available applicants for your job openings.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1991	Nov.* 1991	Dec.* 1990	
Civilian Labor Force	508.6	506.4	513.6	
Resident Employment	469.3	462.5	480.2	
Unemployment	39.3	43.9	33.4	
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.7	8.7	6.5	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	8.5	9.8	7.1	*Revised

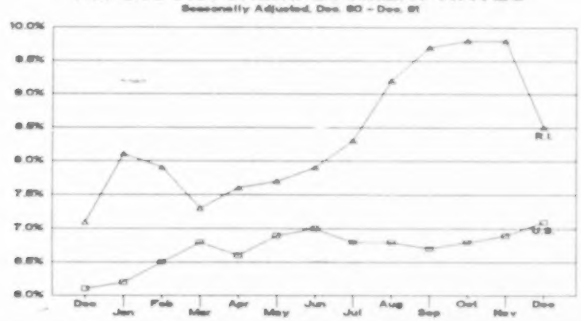
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	125,108	125,396	124,630
Resident Employment	116,549	117,110	117,287
Unemployment	8,559	8,286	7,343
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.6	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.1	6.9	6.1

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted, Dec. 90 – Dec. 91



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Dec. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990	NET CHANGE FROM Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	435.4	437.2	448.6	- 1800	- 13200
GOODS PRODUCING	105.7	107.5	113.3	- 1800	- 7600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.0	14.6	16.6	- 600	- 2600
MANUFACTURING	91.7	92.9	96.7	- 1200	- 5000
SERVICE PRODUCING	329.7	329.7	335.3	-	- 5600
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.5	15.6	- 200	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	93.1	93.2	97.1	- 100	- 4000
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.8	25.8	26.9	-	- 1100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	130.6	130.3	130.4	+ 300	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	64.9	64.9	65.3	-	- 400

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

DECEMBER 1991

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	91.7	389.94	40.2	9.70
DURABLE MFG.	60.7	395.28	40.5	9.76
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.4	429.03	37.7	11.33
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	431.23	38.4	11.23
PRIMARY METALS	3.7	422.18	41.8	10.10
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	377.60	40.0	9.44
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.0	555.51	45.2	12.29
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.6	381.00	38.1	10.00
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.2	513.76	41.6	12.35
INSTRUMENTS	6.2	460.34	43.8	10.51
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.0	312.24	38.5	8.11
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.2	357.41	42.6	8.39
NONDURABLE MFG.	31.0	381.28	39.8	9.58
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	374.81	38.8	9.66
TEXTILES	8.1	365.90	42.3	8.65
APPAREL	1.6	251.41	38.5	6.53
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.9	399.63	42.2	9.47
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	405.41	31.5	12.87
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	464.94	40.5	11.48
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	447.75	39.8	11.25
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.3	444.70	41.6	10.69
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	252.45	39.2	6.44

Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded from the Establishment Employment figures. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED.